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1. GUS Elektro-Stahlgusswerk VEB, Leipzig

Severe shortages of raw materials since December 1952 have made it impossible to execute orders from the Ministry of Machinery for machine tools, mining equipment, and machine parts for coal-processing plants. The VEB has also been unable to make deliveries of rough steel castings required by the Maschinenfabrik Bad Salzungen. Approximately 3,500 track shoes have been produced as reparations goods.

2. Bleichert Transportanlagenfabrik, AG fuer Maschinenbau Transmasch, Leipzig

The plant received large deliveries of material from the USSR in January 1953. Six large derrick cranes for the Soviet Navy were finally completed and shipped to Wismar. In addition, material and semiprocessed products were delivered to VEB ABUS Kranbau, Eberswalde, to enable it to fill its quota. Machine parts and field forges were delivered to the former Buessing plant at Leipzig-Wahren, now run by the Red Army. Bleichert is to manufacture parts for 14 cars in January and February 1953.

3. IFA Karosseriewerk, Leipzig

Twelve tank trucks and four trailers were produced in January 1953. About 600 mufflers were also manufactured and shipped to Zwickau. There are material shortages, especially of sheets of 1-3 mm thickness. During January and February the plant advertised that it would accept machine, welding, and wheelwright work from private concerns for which materials can be delivered.

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4. Kugellagerfabrik Roehlitz-Ehrenberg

356,000 bearings were processed in the grinding shop in January 1953, for distribution as follows:

15 percent	rocker bearings	to USSR
15 "	bearings	IFA Werke
10 "	bearings	Heavy Machine Construction Industry
5 "	large, heavy bearings	Vulkan Shipyards, Stettin
10 "	bearings	China (export)
5 "	bearings	Other branches of East German industry
40 "	bearings	Shipyards at Rostock, Wismar, Warnemuende

Deliveries of materials from the Maxhuetten, Unterwellenborn, and the Stahl- und Walzwerk Wilhelm Florin, Hennigsdorf, kept production from falling off. Bars and pipe were delivered from the USSR. Export contracts have not been met fully in the last two months.

5. VEB Getriebebau Wetzlar, Leipzig

During January 1953, 68 heavy gears for trucks were manufactured, and 212 light gears were shipped to Eisenach. The Getriebebau Kirschau is the subcontractor for heavy gears; their January production did not meet the quota. In addition, 30 heavy continuous chain drives were being manufactured under Soviet supervision.

6. Schwermaschinenbau Karl Liebknecht (formerly Buckau-Wolf), Magdeburg

In January 1953, two 800 hp water-cooled Junkers type 205D ships' engines were manufactured. During the period 15 December 1952 to 31 January 1953, three 300 hp engines for installation in drifters, with a 120 hp auxiliary engine each, were manufactured, and two heavy ships' engines were repaired for the USSR.

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